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c.1845-1865

11-17 W. Cross St./5 Kaufman's Ct. (South side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

11-17 W. Cross St. is a group of two pairs of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs. 11-13 W. Cross St. was built about 1850 but 15-17 W. Cross St. was built in the early 1860's. The remainder of the block is now occupied by a modern filling station (to the east) and a one story, modern commercial structure (to the west). 5 Kaufman's Ct., reached from S. Charles St., is the only survivor of an original group of two and a half story, late Federal style brick houses built along this narrow alley in the 1840's by Joseph Kaufman, a butcher whose shop was located nearby on S. Charles St. The house is currently covered with formstone.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

5 Kaufman's Court

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE  
Maryland 21202

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small two and a half story brick house with gable roof and dormer windows is the sole survivor of a group of alley houses built on either side of Kaufman's Court and along the east side of Olive St. in the late 1840's. The house has been covered with formstone.

The house is two and a half stories in height, 13 1/2' wide, and occupies a lot 38' deep. The house is two rooms deep and there are no rear additions. The house was probably constructed in running bond, but the facade has been covered with formstone. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with tarpaper. There is a single roof dormer located on both the front and rear gable roofs. A single rectangular chimney is located along the east side of both front and rear gables.

The original treatment of the window lintels and sills has been hidden by the formstone covering, though the lintels seem to have been flat and were probably flat wood. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. There is a Mission-style oak door, but no transom area above. There is no basement. The entrance is reached by a single stone step.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1844-1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Joseph Kaufman

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is quite important as being the only surviving example of a row of such houses built by Kaufman along both sides of Kaufman's Court, to serve as inexpensive housing for the influx of often newly arrived immigrant families seeking work in harbor-related activities. The use of a typical Federal-style house plan and design at this late date is quite unusual. Generally, the least expensive form of working class housing built in this period was a simple two story, gable-roofed type of house, such as those houses along Patapsco St., north of Cross St. This type of house has a low-pitched gable roof and no dormer window. But the houses along Kaufman's Ct. followed the older style of building with a higher pitched gable roof and roof dormers.

Kaufman retained the houses along Kaufman's Ct. as rental properties until 1866-67, when he sold them to individual owners. The first owner of this house was a Leonhart Appel, a laborer, who bought the house from Kaufman in 1867 for \$400.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Land Records, Liber AM 347, Folio 96; Baltimore City Directory, 1870

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 13 1/2' x 38'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

DUE 1/2 E

NO 1/2 E

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

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1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

S. HANOVER

ST. 66'

W. CROSS

W. WEST

933

ST. 50'

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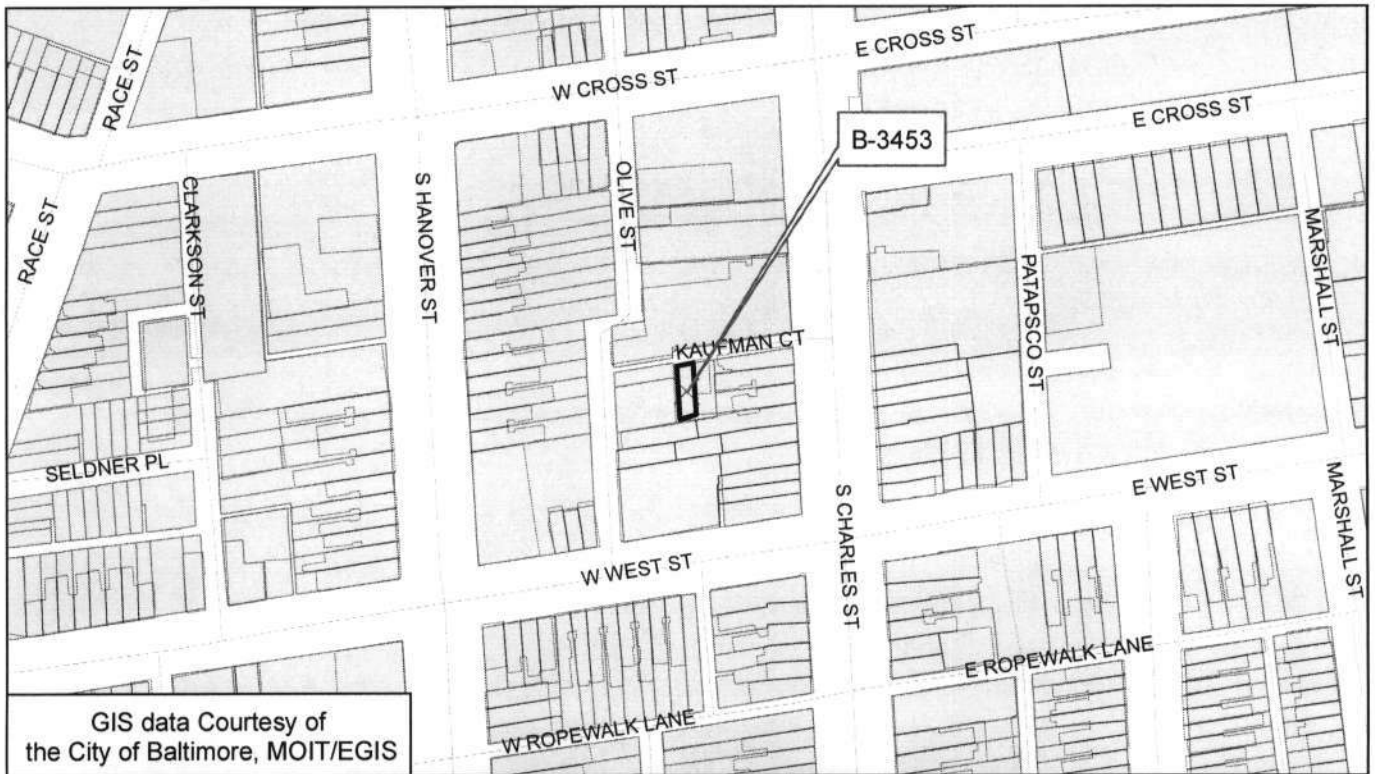
S. CHARLES

ST. 66'





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5 Kaufman Court  
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Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







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5 Kaufman's Court

M.E.H.

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North elevation